
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MEDICINES

The Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1994

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th March 1994</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>8th March 1994</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>29th March 1994</i>

The Secretaries of State concerned with health in England, in Wales and in Scotland respectively and the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 58(1), (4) and (5) and 129(4) of the Medicines Act 1968⁽¹⁾ or, as the case may be, those conferred by those provisions and now vested in them⁽²⁾, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consulting such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by this Order, pursuant to section 129(6) of that Act, and after consulting and taking into account the advice of the Medicines Commission pursuant to section 58(6) and 129(7) of that Act, hereby make the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1994 and shall come into force on 29th March 1994.

(2) In this Order “the principal Order” means the Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Order 1983⁽³⁾.

Amendment of article 4 of the principal Order

2. In article 4 of the principal Order (medicinal products that are not prescription only), in paragraph (1P)(a) the word “conjunctivitis” is substituted for the word “rhinitis”.

(1) 1968 c. 67; see the meaning assigned to “the appropriate Ministers” by sections 1 and 132(1) of that Act; section 1(1) was amended by S.I. 1969/388, Schedule 1.

(2) In the case of the Secretaries of State concerned with health in England and in Wales by virtue of article 2(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969 (S.I. 1969/388); in the case of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland by virtue of section 40 of, and Schedule 5 to, the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36) and section 1(3) of, and paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (c. 28).

(3) S.I. 1983/1212, amended by S.I. 1984/756, 1986/586, 1987/674 and 1250, 1988/2017, 1989/1852, 1991/962, 1992/1534 and 2937, 1993/1890 and 3256.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

Department of Health
2nd March 1994

Tom Sackville
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

7th March 1994

John Redwood
Secretary of State for Wales

2nd March 1994

Fraser of Carmyllie
Minister of State, The Scottish Office

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of March 1994.

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F. A. Elliott
Permanent Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order further amends the Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Order 1983 (“the principal Order”) which specifies descriptions and classes of prescription only medicines subject to section 58(2) of the Medicines Act 1968, that is to say, medicinal products which (subject to exemptions) may be sold or supplied by retail only in accordance with a prescription given by an appropriate practitioner and which may be administered only by or in accordance with the directions of such a practitioner.

In article 4 of the principal Order (medicinal products that are not prescription only), paragraph (1P) provides that, in specified circumstances, a medicinal product shall not be a prescription only medicine by reason that it contains the substance sodium cromoglycate. Paragraph (1P) was inserted in the principal Order by article 3(2) of the Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1993 ([S. I.1993/3256](#)) (“the 1993 Order”), in which the circumstance specified in sub-paragraph (a) is the indication of the product for treatment of acute seasonal allergic rhinitis. The circumstance should be the indication of the product for treatment of acute seasonal allergic conjunctivitis, and article 2 of this Order corrects that error.

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